

New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CORD Members and Other Interested Parties Rhona M. Charbonneau, Chairman
Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners
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Laura Buono, Chairman
Board of Selectmen, Town of Weare
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David Preece, Executive Director
Southern NH Regional Planning Commission
438 Dubuque Street
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FROM: Pete Helm, Principal Planner

DATE: March 29, 2006

SUBJECT: *State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Town of Weare
SLR 06-004*

RESPONSE DATE: April 29, 2006

Please review the attached information to determine if your agency has any interest in this transaction. If there is an interest, please notify this office of your intent in writing by the response date indicated above. The Council on Resources and Development will consider the request at the next meeting on April 6, 2006 with the condition that any action will be contingent on no adverse comments received during the full 30 day comment period.

The Department of Cultural Resources is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 227-C:9.

Members of the Public Water Access Advisory Board are asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 233-A.

The Lakes Management and Protection Program, through the Lakes Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483-A:5, II.

The Rivers Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483:8, VI and 14.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

FROM: James W. Gallagher, Jr. P.E. **DATE:** 28 March 2006
Chief Engineer
Dam Bureau, Water Division
N.H. Department of Environmental Services

SUBJECT: **Surplus of Roadway Improvement Easements at Abijah Bridge Road in Weare**

TO: Jack Ruderman, Acting Director
Office of Energy and Planning

The Department of Environmental Services (DES) has received a request from the Town of Weare seeking the opportunity to acquire certain easements necessary for a town road and bridge improvement project. The town is currently proposing to widen the existing Abijah Bridge and to straighten and re-align the approaches to the bridge. This proposed project will require two temporary construction/slope easements and a third permanent easement to be granted upon State (DES) land for the relocated public right of way. The combined total area of all three easements is 0.263 acre.

This request has been reviewed by DES. Based on that review, we have determined that the proposed easement areas are surplus to the needs of DES, and that the benefits associated with the town bridge and road improvement project exceed the benefit of the DES's continued use of the property.

Please screen this request through the New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development to determine if this property is surplus to the needs and interest of the State for the purpose of disposal.

If you should have any questions, please contact Mark Stevens at 271-1960.

Thank you.
JG/MCS/JL
Attachments

**Council on Resources and Development
REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION**

Name of Agency Requesting Action: N.H. Dept of Environmental Services

Location of Property: Abijah Bridge Road, Weare

Acreage: .074 acres of permanent easement and .189 acres of temporary easement.

Tax Map/Lot #: n/a

Requested Action: The Town of Weare proposes to widen an existing bridge and to straighten the approach to the bridge. In order to accomplish this they will need to acquire some easements from the NHDES

Agency Contact Person: Please provide the following information, if known, about the property. Attach map(s) showing the location of the property.

1. What is the current use for this property? This property is part of the existing Weare Reservoir (a.k.a. Horace Lake) hydro and flood control project

2. What is the proposed use of this property? Public right of way and slope easements

3. Are there any structures located on this property? If so, how many and what kind? No.

4. Are there any water resources related to this property? If so, please indicate the size or extent of such resources. The property is part of the Weare Reservoir project which consists of approximately 323 acres of artificial impoundment behind the Weare Reservoir dam

5. Please list any other significant resources known to be located on this property. none

6. Was this property purchased with federal highway funds? Yes ____ No x

7. Is access to this property available? Yes x No ____

8. Request has been cleared for Historic Resources? Yes ____ No x



Town of Weare

March 14, 2006

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CARL S. KNAPP
Public Works Director

RE: Weare, NH - Abijah Bridge Road Bridge Replacement Easements

Dear Mr. Stevens:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Town of Weare, NH is interested in replacing the Abijah Bridge Road Bridge over Lake Horace in order to improve the level of safety for vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the bridge and throughout the project site. The Town has hired S E A Consultants Inc. to perform the engineering services that are required on the project and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation is responsible for reviewing the project.

In order to meet current design practices the project will require widening and shifting of the existing road. As a result, portions of Lake Horace and Lake Horace Marsh which are currently owned by the State of New Hampshire would be affected. It is the understanding of the Town that we would need the following in order to proceed with construction of the project:

- A permanent easement for the installation and future maintenance of the proposed roadway, roadway side slopes, guardrail and bridge structure.
- Temporary easements for the installation of proposed roadway side slopes, channel embankment slopes and temporary erosion control measures.

The attached plan shows the limits of these easements. Please let us know what the Town needs to do in order to pursue the easements. Feel free to contact me at 529-2469 or Thom Marshall, P.E. at 227-2314 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully yours,

Carl S. Knapp

Town of Weare, Director of Public Works

cc: Mr. Thom Marshall, P.E., S E A Consultants Inc.
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